

### REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4, 6, 8 to 10, and 12 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file such matter in a continuation application.

Claims 5, 7, and 11 have been amended. New claims 13 to 15 have been added. No new matter has been added to the application.

In view of the above-canceled claims, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of those claims is now moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5, 7, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten those claims into independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claims 13 to 15 have been added. Support for those claims can be found in the Specification and in the canceled claims 2 to 4. No new matter has been added. Since claims 13 to 15 depend from amended claim 5, Applicants believe that those claims are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 5, 7, 11, and 13 to 15 in the present application.

### CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that any rejections of / objections to the claims have been obviated / overcome, and that all currently pending claims 5, 7, 11, and 13 to 15 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that any outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
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